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SUBJ: REPORTED KOMOTO REMARKS ON COCOM

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1. RESPONSIBLE GOJ OFFICIALS STATE NOV 19 YOMIURI REPORT IS NOT RPT NOT ACCURATE. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT CURRENT JAPANESE TECHNICAL EXHIBIT IN PEKING OF SOME 2,200 ITEMS DOES INCLUDE 12 COCOM-CONTROLLED ITEMS, THESE ARE UNDER TEMPORARY EXPORT LICENSE ONLY, ACCORDING TO NOMOTO OF FONOFF'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV., ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU. NOMOTO STATED THAT THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN FOLLOWED IN THE PAST AND IS CONSISTENT WITH COCOM REGULATIONS. IN EVENT OF CHINESE ORDERS FOR THESE ITEMS, GOJ WOULD REQUEST COCOM APPROVAL BEFORE MAKING SALE, HE STRESSED. IF COCOM-APPROVED SALE NOT MADE, GOODS MUST BE RETURNED TO JAPAN WITHIN THREE MONTHS UNDER TERMS OF TEMPORARY EXPORT LICENSE.

2. SUBSEQUENT PRESS ARTICLE (NIHON KEIZAI) LINKED REPORT OF GOJ DECISION TO DROP 25 ITEMS FROM COCOM LIST TO ITI MINISTER KOMOTO'S REPORTED STATEMENT FROM PEKING. NOMOTO SAID IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF QUERY THAT SUCH LINKAGE IS ERRONEOUS. IN FACT, HE SAID, GOJ IS MODIFYING IS EXPORT CONTROL ORDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN REACHED TO DATE IN COCOM

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LIST REVIEW. NONE RPT NONE OF 25 ITEMS AFFECTED IS

INVOLVED IN CURRENT JAPANESE EXHIBIT IN CHINA
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